At present there are no private hospitals recognized under CGHS at Bhubaneswar. In response to the tenders floated by CGHS calling for applications from private hospitals for getting recognition under CGHS Bhubaneshwar, only Kalinga Hospital had responded but it did not agree to the ceiling rates offered by CGHS for various medical procedures/ tests/investigations and therefore, this hospital has not been granted recognition under CGHS.

ESI Hospitals do not ceter to CGHS beneficiaries.

Increase in Population

1235. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the population in India is still increasing at an alarming rate;

(b) if so, whether Government contemplate taking any harsh measures to control birth rate in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(d) the amount of money spent for the control of population during the last three years and whether result achieved commensurate with the money spent; and

(e) the amount of money earmarked for sterilization during current year and the number of sterilization operations anticipated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) As per census 2001, the average exponential growth rate of population in the country declined to 1.93% during 1990-01 as compared to 2.14% during 1981-1991. The current growth rate in population is contributed largely by three factors namely (i) Large population in the reproductive age (ii) Unmet needs of contraception and health services (iii) Felt need of higher fertility due to high IMB, son preference etc.

In keeping with the democratic tradition of the country, the family welfare programme is voluntary in nature and depends on informed choice of family planning methods best suited to individual acceptors. Past

experience shows that it is not feasible to inforce coercive measures for its promotion. Further, success of family welfare programme in Kerala, Goa and Tamil Nadu shows that coercion is not required for the implementation of the programme.

(d) The amount of money spent on the National Family Welfare Programme during the last three years is as follows:

1999-00	Rs. 3099 Cr.
2000-01	Rs. 3200 Cr.
2001-02	Rs. 3597 Cr.

The States which show better performance in family welfare, receive higher allocations in the budget depending on the performance particularly in respect of supply of contraceptives, compensation for sterilization/UD insertion and area specific programmes.

(e) The total amount of money earmarked for sterilization & IUD insertion during current year is Rs. 163.50 crores. The number of sterilization operations anticipated during the current year is 49 lakhs.

Meeting of the Governing Body of NIH

1236. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting of the governing body of the National Insitute of Homoeopathy is being held regularly;

(b) if so, when the last meeting took place and what was the attendance of the Governing Body members; and

(c) whether all the decisions including bulk expenditure are unanimously taken in the governing body meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The meeting of the Governing Body of the National Institute of Homoeopathy was last held on 29.11.1996. All other members were present except two in that metting. Thereafter, Executive Committee vested with all the powers of the Governing Body met four times on 25.04.97, 05.11.97, 23.12.98 and 17.05.99.